(2) If so, will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend redressing their grievances at an early date?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state if they have found out ways and means to increase the salary of these teachers?

(4) If not, will they be pleased to appoint a committee of officials and non-officials, the latter having a clear majority, to suggest ways and means to raise their status and increase their salary?

(5) Are the Government aware that, in spite of instructions from them that Vernacular School teachers should be posted, as far as possible, in or near their native places, a large number of them are not given the benefit of these instructions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1), (2) (3) and (4). The member is referred to the answer to question No. 112.

(5) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 111.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR ((*Shertallai*): Do the Government believe that with Rs. 14 a month a Vernacular School teacher can maintain himself consistent with his status as a teacher?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The mind of Government can be seen in the answer. Government are aware that the pay is not adequate.

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): The answer to part (4) of my question, whether the Government will be pleased to appoint a committee of officials and non-officials, is not given.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This is contained in the first portion of the answer which refers to (1), (2), (3) and (4).

MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): I do not find the answer to which I am asked to refer.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): This is the answer: "The Government are reluctantly compelled to defer consideration of the question for the present." In view of this answer, there is no necessity for appointing a committee.

Postings of Teachers.

114. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): (1) In view of the comparatively low salary given to schoolmasters, will the Government be pleased to further enforce their policy in regard to the posting of teachers in or near their own places?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of such postings effected during the last two years?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The member is referred to the answer to question No. 111.

(2) Government do not propose to prepare such a statement as the time and labour involved would be out of all proportion to its utility.

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MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Sir, the answer to part (2) appears as if Government propose to answer only those questions that are convenient to them. I take exception to that. This is the answer.

"Government do not propose to prepare such a statement as the time and labour involved would be out of all proportion to its utility."

Utility is for the member and not for the Government. It is with a view that we put questions and unless we are going to be supplied with answers—

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I would raise a point of order. The member is not putting a supplementary question. This time is intended for supplementary questions.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I am not putting a supplementary question. I wish to draw the attention of the Government to this matter.

PRESIDENT : You can ask a supplementary question.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I have no supplementary question to ask. But I must have some time to draw the attention of the President to such unsatisfactory answers. Is there no time, Sir, for me to do so?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The answers given are not open to discussion in the Council.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : But I can draw the attention of the President to anything which appears unsatisfactory to my mind.

PRESIDENT : I do not think you can strictly do so at interpellation time. I do not mind telling you that the Government are quite willing to give you all information in reason. But when an amount of labour is involved in the preparation of the answer, they have to take that into account as well. If they are convinced that any useful purpose will be served by imposing all that labour on their staff, they will give that information. But if they feel convinced that it would not be right to undertake that labour—for, after all labour means money, and money means taxpayer's money—if Government think that it is not commensurate with the amount of labour involved in the preparation of the answer, they pass it over.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : It is not in any light-hearted manner that the members put questions; it is with an amount of seriousness that members put questions.

PRESIDENT : I know that. If the member comes to the office, he will be given all facilities to see everything that we can possibly give.

MR A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Yes.

PRESIDENT : You would be at perfect liberty to go to the Secretary concerned and he will give all facilities to find out information.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Thank you very much.

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